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1. It was learned at the Ministry for National Forces that the highest degree of alert had been in effect for the VP in East Berlin since 27 August. No reasons for this move, or details thereof, have as yet been determined.

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platz and Stalin Allee. Patrols of four KVP's each, armed with 44-type assault rifles, Soviet drum-type sub-machine guns or rifles were observed at 300 meter intervals on both sides of Stalin Allee. The service members observed included black-bordered black epaulets, red-bordered black epaulets and a few yellow-bordered black epaulets. Leipzigerstrasse and Wilhelmstrasse were still unoccupied at 5 P.M. on 28 August.

3. On the night of 28 August, an alert was ordered by the SED functionaries in the shop group management (Betriebsgewerkschaftsleitung) at the Ministry for the Construction of Transportation and Agricultural Machinery, as new anti-governmental riots were expected.
4. On 28 August, the SED Central Committee tried to organize loyal SED members into a workers' guard, since the government feared a repetition of the riots of 17 June. This guard, which was to be armed with rifles, was to protect plant machinery.

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